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TO ARGININE DEPRIVATION**

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action issued January 2, 2003, Applicants request entry of the following amendments, without prejudice.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, 7, and 27 to read as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for identifying a cancer patient susceptible to arginine deprivation therapy comprising the steps:

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- a) obtaining a cancerous tumor sample from the cancer patient; and
- b) detecting the presence or absence of argininosuccinate synthetase protein in said cancerous tumor sample, wherein the absence of argininosuccinate synthetase protein in said